

There was an old Mormon named Kline,  
Who married nine wives, fat and fine.  
If you spoke of McGraw,  
He would snicker, "Haw, Haw!"  
He never could manage any else!



Hope and Dope Spring Ever Within the Human Breast,  
Another Year's Endeavor Means the Giants on the Crest



Another old fellow named Benny,  
Said nine wives were nine wives too many.  
"I guess you are right,"  
Said his wife one night,  
"It's a month since you brought home a penny!"

## SEVEN PITCHERS PROVE 'IRON MEN' PLAY WELL IN DOUBLE HEADERS

Success in Long Pitching May Point Way to Other Successes, Is Belief—Veteran Scout Irwin Says Giants Look to Be Best Team Because of the Many Victories Won During the Year.

By MONTY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Out of seven pitchers who have attempted the "Iron Man" trick this year—pitching both ends of double headers—four of the ambitious ones won each time. Should not this prove a tip to various managers next year?

In the seven double bills where the effort was made, there were 14 games (together). The successful "Iron Man" managed to win eight of those 14 games in sets of two each. In the three double headers where the "Iron Man" failed to sweep the field, each already had captured the opening set by making 11 victories out of 14 possible. And in the case of one "Iron Man" failure, the iron citizen was relieved by a mate near the end of the second game and the mate triumphed.

Thus, in a total of 14 games where Iron Men figured, 11 of them resulted in success for the side possessing the Iron Man. When is there a team that would not be satisfied with a winning record of 11 out of 14?

**Warmer Than Hops.** Judging from the experience of these various aspirants for double headers this year, it would not be an surprising next season to see a whole flock of Iron Men. The events of this year seem to indicate that a pitcher is in better shape after having been warmed up by the first game of the day.

The Phillies have contributed the largest proportion of the "Iron Men" from, with two successful performers—Traver Cleveland, Alexander and cleaner Al Demaree. Alexander's effort was made after Demaree had been successful and followed less than a week after Al's triumph. Demaree's being in the first game and Alexander in the nightcap. Demaree crashed Pittsburg 7 to 6 and 2 to 2. Alex the Great's achievement was more impressive for he showed shutout ball after undergoing the strain of a previous game. His feat was against Cincinnati and the scores returned were 7 to 3 and 4 to 6.

**Giants and Braves Have Them.** Two other clubs tried to exhibit a pair of Iron Men—the Giants and the Braves. The New Yorkers put forth Rube Benton and Pol Perritt. The Pol was successful but Benton lost his second game. Boston's two candidates were Dick Rudolph and Lefty George Tyler. Rudolph lost his second game after winning the first. Tyler was taken from the box near the end of his second start and the relief twirler got credit for eventually winning that contest.

**Says Giants Are Best Ever.** Besides Perritt and the two Phillies pitchers, the only successful Iron Man of the year is Dave Davidson, the slugging flinger of the Browns. Long Dave performed his feat against the Yankees. That was the first time a pitcher of the year really set the style for the others to follow.

**How much stronger than the Red Sox are they?** he was asked. "They can give the Red Sox a handicap of two runs per game to start with and then win more than half the games."

That's going pretty strong, but the old scout seems to be sincere in his statement.

**Red Sox Favorites.** It is a sure thing that the Red Sox will be heavy favorites for the world's series, judging by the wagers made in New York. Whether they face the Phillies or the Dodgers, it makes no difference, they will be rated as the stronger contender for supreme laurels. If the Phillies should get into the big jammer, they would be regarded as

### NOVICE TOURNAMENT IN AMATEUR BILLIARDS

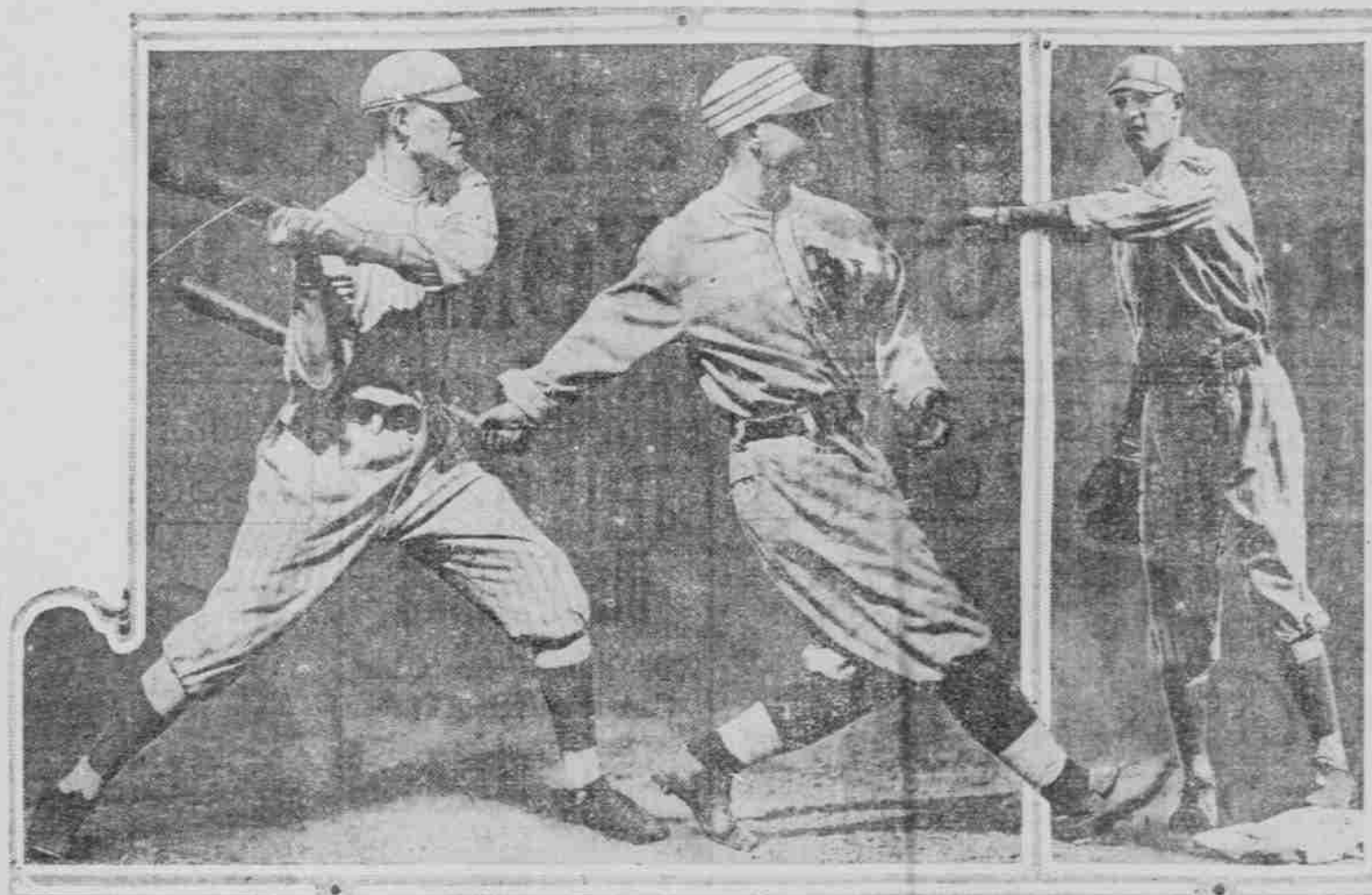
New York, Sept. 30.—In an effort to help the players who rarely have an opportunity to compete, the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players has launched a novice tournament. The competition will be held simultaneously in nine of the more important billiard rooms of the city.

Only amateurs who have never made an average of better than 3 at ball line will be eligible to compete. Fredrick Posthumus, chairman of the executive committee, will act as referee of these competitions.

The winner and runner-up of each room tournament will meet in a final round robin for the trophy to be offered by the National association. The final matches will be of 150 points duration, and throughout the tournament the official straight rail rules will govern. All competitors must qualify as amateurs.

Tenement collections see Lee Newman.

## TWO PLAYERS LOOK LIKE "WONDERS" OF 1917



## GREATEST BASEBALL CROWDS WILL WITNESS WORLD'S SERIES

Close Contest in Both Leagues Has Sharpened Baseball Appetite—Receipts Should Be Larger Than Ever Before and Players' Share Will Break Records—The Weather Won't Hurt the Gate Receipts.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The appetite of the baseball fans, sharpened by the great pennant races in both circuits, makes it certain that capacity crowds will jam their way into the parks for every game of the world series to come.

It is within the range of possibility that attendance records will be smashed at the frollo, provided, of course, that the Red Sox and the Dodgers are the warriors. The Dodger park will seat 30,000 and may be stretched to 31,000. The Red Sox park could pack in close to 25,000, but it is likely that they will use the 45,000 capacity lot of the Braves.

The largest crowd that ever saw a world series combat was at the third contest between the Red Sox and Philadelphia in 1915 in Boston. A total of 42,200 were in the crowd and the receipts were \$52,151, which also is a record. That game, of course, was played in the Braves field.

**1912 Made Other Records.** The record that the world series battles of this year must shoot at when total attendance is concerned was established in the 1912 battles between the Giants and Red Sox. The total attendance was 231,961 for the eight games and the receipts were \$199,449. It is hardly possible that an eight game series will be played this year, but if it went to seven the chances are that the 1912 record would be smashed. The average attendance for each of those eight games was a bit beyond 29,000. The capacity average

### Doping The World's Series

## Pennant Race Has Narrowed Down and Doping Is Now Less Certain

Collins and Evers Are Out of the Calculation of Second Basemen, and Barry's Injuries May Not Permit Him to Be a Figure in the Big Conflict.

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

THIS doping world's series results before a man is certain which teams will really win, certainly is a tough job. The only comfort is the side lights that the figures throw upon the varying abilities of players against certain clubs.

You see, before I was sure which club were going to cut into the old kale, I had to sit down and take each player on every one of the three leading teams in each league and compare him with the man who was to oppose him. That made a lot of things to figure on. I had no idea until I tried it how much the value of any player depends upon the club against which he is playing. It made the doping tough, and now that it is easier, we can go a bit more into detail.

There have been a lot of fans writing in and kicking on my figures. One accuses me of saying Jack Doherty is a better man than Ty Cobb. He forgets that Cobb is an outfielder and Jack a first baseman, and that a first baseman is much more valuable to his team on defensive than any outfielder can be, because he has so much opportunity to make or break a game. You see this is not a comparison of men at all—but of the value of certain men in certain positions, against certain teams. I also have had several complaints that I have not given enough value to players—not as much as I gave them last spring in figuring the season's outcome.

It is ridiculous to think that a player will be as strong against the picked pitchers of the best team in an opposing league as he would be against the run of pitchers of his own league. He may be even more valuable. It may be that some one of two batters of a team fancy exactly the kind of pitching they will encounter. This is what we have to find out by the dope. In fact, it is true in several instances, but that is mere accident. Last year Duff Lewis

happened to find just the sort of stuff he likes to hit against. The year before Hank Green of the Boston Braves pitched easy for him—easier than those he faced every day. Such things will happen.

**Take the Second Basemen.** Having explained, let us consider the second basemen. For the first time in a long while it doesn't look as if we would have Eddie Collins or Johnny Evers to compare, either with each other or with someone else. Evers, I find, is the standard of second basemen, except in his great fighting spirit. He has gone way back because he has been crippled by a bad knee and you can't blame him much. Collins struck his right leg late in the season and would have come into the series in top form. Jack Barry, another of our standards on which to figure, has been hurt and out of shape for weeks.

**Red Sox Miss Barry.** If we could have the regular players in every game of a series and know the club value of the Red Sox—not me, doping would not be so hard. Take the case of the Red Sox. Barry is the brains of that infield, the knip of the entire team. But for his misfortune, the Red Sox probably would have mopped away with the pennant in spring in figuring the season's outcome. It is ridiculous to think that a player will be as strong against the picked pitchers of the best team in an opposing league as he would be against the run of pitchers of his own league. He may be even more valuable. It may be that some one of two batters of a team fancy exactly the kind of pitching they will encounter. This is what we have to find out by the dope. In fact, it is true in several instances, but that is mere accident. Last year Duff Lewis

## M'FARLAND WANTS ANOTHER FIGHT WITH GIBBONS AT HIGHER WEIGHT

Declares He Has Seen the Error of Forcing Down the Weights As He Did Before, Thus Weakening Opponent and Is Disposed to Be More Generous—He Would Still Outweigh Gibbons, However.

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Packer McFarland, Chicago's exemplary welterweight, threatens to return to the ring—for just one more fight. He says he will condescend to consider offers for another "battle" with Mike Gibbons, who scored a doubtful victory over him at Brighton Beach a year ago.

Packer says he realizes the error of his ways in tricking Gibbons into making an unreasonable low weight for him in their last meeting. He is now willing to tackle Mike at the latter's own soundness—that is, at catchweights.

Patrick may be crazy in making such a proposal, but so is a fox. An understanding of the art of luring opponents into the ring at a disadvantage has been one of McFarland's strong points ever since he embarked on his ring career.

The first, second and third games were played on schedule. And then the rain bucket was upset in Philadelphia and it didn't empty its contents for over a week. It rained from October 18 to 24. The first game of the series was played on October 19. That means it required 13 days to complete the five game fracas.

Postponement, however, would not lessen the gate receipts. The tickets are not sold for specific dates, but for specific games. Ticket No. 1, calling for admission to game No. 1, is good only for the first game played, no matter when it is played.

on his ring career. As a welterweight, he was not afraid to meet any lightweight in the game; and as a light heavyweight, he was not afraid to tackle an under-sized middleweight. Gibbons' best weight is around the 125 pound mark. For McFarland, Gibbons was forced to scale in under 125 pounds. It was easy for McFarland, but Mike found difficulty attaining that mark. Now McFarland wants to atone for his misdeed, and take on Gibbons at any weight.

**Will Outweigh Gibbons.** Here is a fact that may not be known to the general fight public. At the present moment McFarland weighs in the neighborhood of 165 pounds. Yes, 165 pounds! If Gibbons agrees to take Packer another chance, the latter will enter the ring at 160 pounds at best, which would give him a pull of at least five pounds in the weights.

Leave it to Packer to enter the ring with one thing or another in his favor. A breath of scandal attached to the last meeting between McFarland and Gibbons. The bout savored of an "understanding," but no one had the courage to make a definite charge, and the parties connected with that affair have not yet taken to "squalling."

**Another Scandal Rumor.** When Welsh and White were about to enter the ring for their recent championship fight, an unexplained party made the startling assertion that the fight was "fixed" for Welsh to get the decision on points. If the bout went the limit, as the contest eventuated, this allegation was based on fact, for referee Roche gave Welsh the decision, although 30 percent of the spectators thought that White had won fairly.

This same well informed party, three weeks before Gibbons and McFarland had their bout, declared that the fight was prearranged and that Gibbons was to win.

Quite of a sudden Gibbons has come out and declared "I want to fight Jack Doherty of the latter will consent to weigh in at 162 pounds ringside. This is a hard notch for Jack, a fact Gibbons knows well. It remains to be seen if Doherty accepts, in which case we are sure to see Gibbons' recent.

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## FIGHTERS MAKE PROMOTERS RAGE

Propensity for Trimming Impressarios of Everything Irritates.

By T. S. ANDREWS.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 28.—The complaints of boxing promoters against fighters have been very frequent of late. It is the same old story about boxers and their managers trying to grab off everything in sight. I had a long letter the other day from a promoter in one of the Ohio towns where 20 round contests have been permitted during the past few years, but it seems that through the graball policy of some of the fighters, the game has been killed in this particular place for the time being.

The promoter, in his letter, stated that he had spent considerable money in arranging matters only to find out at the 15th hour that one of the fighters tried to hold him up and spoiled everything. As he had no forfeit posted, it was impossible to get back at him, and as a result the game became sour on the game and had the whole thing declared off. They are now making strenuous efforts to try and induce the authorities to rescind their order and permit them to get boxers who will live up to their agreements.

**They Should Know Better.** It is to be hoped that boxers do not use a little better judgment and pick out managers of better caliber and with a little more common sense than they do. If there are a dozen good men who would probably take in a fight, but by a bad manager, and one bad egg, it is almost a cinch that the boxer will pick the poor one.

It is just these little things that do so much to hurt the boxing game, but they are gradually being overcome by the adoption, in many states and cities, of the commission plan. This seems to be the only means of protecting the game and putting it on a safe basis.

**Kilbane vs. Welch.** Since Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, defended his title against George Cheney on Labor day at Cedar Point, O., and won by a knockout, there have been all kinds of stories floating about as to how easy Freddy Welch was to knock out, and that he is the greatest featherweight that ever held the title, etc., etc. No one doubts that Kilbane is a wonderfully clever fighter, but when he was the title from Alie Attell, at Los Angeles, Feb. 22, 1915, it was not by a knockout, but by a point decision, and not much more than a good sized bantamweight, for he was always able to make 118 pounds, and he was not over the 115 pound limit. He had come the pace, too, and when he met Johnny at Los Angeles, he was not at his best. Just the same Johnny won, and he was given every credit for winning the title.

As for beating Freddy Welch, why that is another question. Johnny would find a boxer with every bit as much science as Welch, and who would have to give away about ten pounds in weight, which would be a big handicap.

Gibbons was "handcuffed" not to knock out McFarland. Also the Gibbons had posted \$10,000 as a guarantee that he would not "foul" Packer; the money to be forfeited if McFarland in the event of such a happening.

Reviewing that fight, it is hard to say that it was decided on its merits. In fact, it was so crude that McFarland and Gibbons said nothing about the fracas until about a year later. But the animosity of New York's boxing populace has not subsided against the pair, for neither has attempted to fight in this vicinity since.

**Gibbons Would Atone.** New Gibbons comes along and expresses his willingness to fight in metropolitan on a percentage basis. He desires to rehabilitate himself in the good eyes of the fight lovers, but he will have a hard time reestablishing himself after his disgraceful showings against Eddie McGoorty and McFarland.

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